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Michigan Merit Curriculum High School Graduation Requirements

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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

What the Michigan Merit Curriculum Law Says on Alternative Education

Sec 1278b(7) Requires the Michigan Department of Education to develop and make available material to assist school districts and public school academies in implementing the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements. This shall include developing guidelines for alternative instructional delivery methods.

Sec. 1278b(3)(e) The board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy that operates a high school shall ensure that each pupil is offered the curriculum necessary for the pupil to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements. The board or board of directors may provide this curriculum by using alternative instructional delivery methods such as alternative course work, humanities course sequences, career and technical education, industrial technology courses, or vocational education, or by a combination of these. School districts and public school academies that operate career and technical education programs are encouraged to integrate the credit requirements into those programs.

Questions & Answers

I. Q: Will students attending alternative education programs have to meet all of these requirements to receive a diploma?

A: While alternative schools often have alternative methods to deliver the high school curriculum, the law requires that all students, beginning with those in 8th grade in 2006, meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements to receive a high school diploma. If the alternative education program leads to a high school diploma (and not a GED) and the student was in 8th grade or an earlier grade in 2006, the student attending the program is expected to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum credit requirements.